

# Younkin Family News Bulletin

## A Tribute to Our Family



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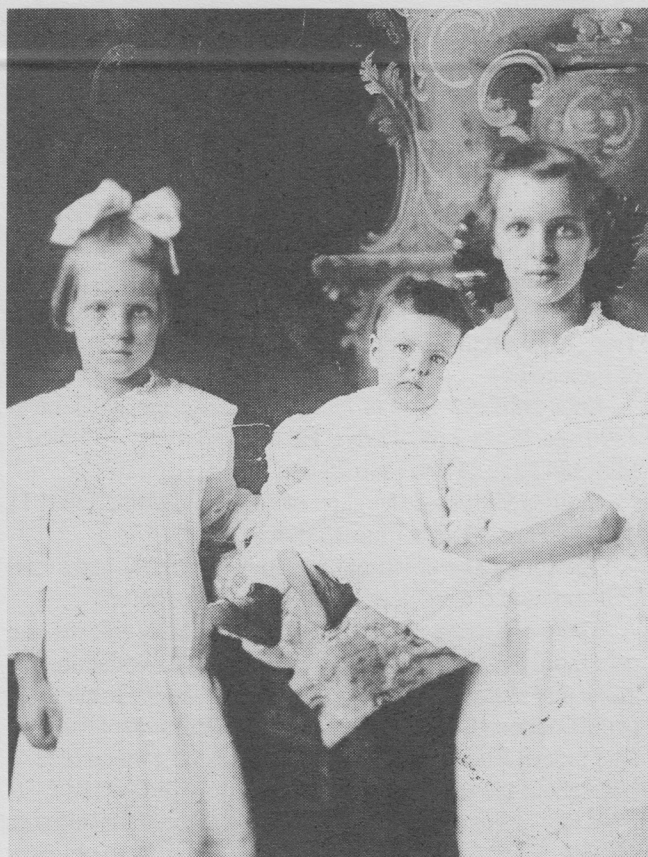
Donna Younkin Logan, publisher

### Dear Cousins,

As many of you know, I just love chasing dead relatives — and in particular the female Younkin lines (of which I am one!). I would hate to think that my children thought they were *more* LOGAN than YOUNKIN! They are just as much a part of me as they are their father!

I recently received some information on Houpt families from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. One of Henrich Junghen's daughters, Anna Elizabeth (b. 1770), married John Houpt. John was the son of John Henry Sebastian Houpt and his wife Maria Catharine Youngkin (b. 1749). Maria Catharine was the daughter of Henrich's brother Herman Junghen. So Anna Elizabeth actually married her *first cousin - once removed*.

In the next issue I will have some of the descendants of this marriage — and guess where they live? In my backyard — Frederick County Maryland! — I even know some of these people! Am I going to have fun in the next few months!



Daughters of John William Emery and Mary (Garlitz) Younkin — from left, Gertrude Etta Younkin, Geraldine Virginia Younkin, and Georgia Marie Younkin. See story on Page 14.

### Kissin' Cousin Marriages

By Mark A. Miner

In the opening scene of the epic film *Gone With The Wind*, the ravishing Scarlett O'Hara is being wooed by two suitors on the front porch of her family home, Tara. One of them lets slip some gossip that their mutual friend Ashley Wilkes has become engaged to Ashley's own cousin, Melanie Hamilton. Scarlett, of course, is secretly in love with Ashley but has not told anyone about it, and begins to pout. The beau, not understanding her disappointment, says that "The Wilkes and Hamiltons always marry their own cousins."

Sound familiar? Many Younkins married their own cousins too!

Later in the film, Scarlett confronts Ashley and demands to know why he is marrying Melanie. He responds, "She is like me, part of my blood, and we understand each other."

Ashley's comments offer insights about why many Younkins married their cousins in Western Pennsylvania in the 19th century. Although marriages of first cousins today are illegal, they were commonplace then among first and second cousins, especially in rural communities where clusters of families lived of the same ethnic background and cultures. The author of this article is descended from one such marriage — Henry Minerd (1809-1890) who married his mother's first cousin, Polly Younkin (1815-1886).

Today, the popular image of cousin marriages is of illiterate, hormone-happy mountain hicks whose cross-eyed children had six fingers on each hand and webbing between their toes.

But people of the 1800s had no knowledge of modern genetic research (which became a recognized science in the early 1900s), nor were there laws to prohibit intra-family unions. In fact, cousin marriages were considered to have value as a way to ensure that like-minded couples with similar values and heritage stayed together.

It may be surprising to learn that President Thomas Jefferson urged both of his daughters to wed cousins. In Dawn Brodie's biography, *Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate Portrait*, she writes: "Jefferson encouraged his daughters to 'marry within the family.' Martha married her distant cousin, Thomas Mann Randolph... [and] Maria married John Eppes, the son of her mother's half sister. Jefferson's younger brother Randolph married his first cousin, Anne Jefferson Lewis. Today it all looks fairly incestuous, but no one then seems to have been in the least troubled by the inbreeding."

YFNB readers may consider writing a new column similar to Larry Logan's "I Married A Younkin" ("IMAY"). It could be called "IMMOYC" (I Married My Own Younkin Cousin). Any takers?

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## **Bits & Pieces from here and there...**

### ***Junghans Mega Clock***

Norma J. Hostetler, of Confluence, Pa., recently sent me an ad from the publication "Lifestyle Fascination" [12 Progress Pl., Jackson, NJ 08527-3002]. The advertisement was for *Junghans Mega Clock* which is made in *Germany*. The ad reads: The amazing Junghans Mega does not tick, it listens! Its microcomputer brain is governed by radio signals from the world's most accurate time-keeper, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's atomic clock in Boulder, Colo. Accuracy is 10-billionths of a second per day...the cost: \$249.95!

Thanks for thinking of the newsletter Norma!

### **Andrew Jackson Younkin & Lydia Ann Guernsey marriage — correction to previously published record**

Andrew Jackson Younkin and Lydia Ann "Guernsey" (not "Gray" as was previously thought) were married in Clark County, Indiana, on 23 July 1843.

Andrew was the son of Samuel and Rachel (Dietz) Younkin, and grandson of Jacob and Hannah (Nicola) Younkin, great grandson of Henrich and Catharine (Scherer) Junghen.

My thanks to descendant Marjorie James of Leslie, Mich. for this family record correction.

## **Letters to the Editor**

### **Who is Catherine Younkin born 1787/88?**

24 March 1993

Dear Donna,

...Another thing, Virginia discovered that John Crumpacker, brother of her great great grandmother, moved to Loudoun County, Virginia about 1790 and that one of his sons, Jacob Crumpacker/Crumbaker married Roseanna Smitley and went to Muskingum County, Ohio. Now it turns out that Roseanna Smitley had a brother, Jacob, who married **Catherine Yunkin**. The Smitleys named here were children of Matthias Schmitli, a refugee from Switzerland. This information came from Mrs. Ruth Jarvis, a descendant of Jacob and Rosanna Crumbacker, and she has an actual picture of Jacob and Roseanna taken before their deaths in the 1850s. They were both born in 1776! How many pictures have you seen of people born before the Revolution?

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In a letter dated June 11th, Rev. Poling sent the following family record for Jacob Smitley's family, [sources: family group sheet compiled in 1983 by Esther Wirth, 3209 7th St. SW, Canton, Ohio; Crumpacker-Smitley History, 1951, McBride, revised 1984, Jarvis, unpublished manuscript]:

Jacob Smitley was born 12 Jan 1780/1781 and married 1807, to Catherine Younkin, he died 24 Mar 1868/1869 and is buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery, Muskingum, Oh. He was in Ohio by 1817. Catherine (Younkin) Smitley died 11 Mar 1890 age 102 yrs 3 mo 7 dys. They resided in Salt Creek Twp., Muskingum County, Ohio. [This area is just south east of Zanesville]

Enos Smitley, a son of Jacob and Catherine, died 3 mar 1890 age 76 yrs 3 mo 22 dys. He married Mary who died 9 May 1842 age 21 yrs 3 mo 28 dys.

Melissa Smitley, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine, d 11 Oct 1879 age 50 yrs 11 mo 18 dys.

The author also noted that Jacob and Catherine had a total of 4 sons and 6 daughters — the rest are not named.

There are many similarities between these records and ours family's— first the Loudoun County, Va, location. We know that at least Jacob, John, Henry Jr. and Rudolph lived in the Loudoun County area at the same time as the Smitleys. And indeed Rudolph did leave for this same general area of Ohio about the same time as they Smitleys did — 1817.

If any of our cousins have access to records for this area of Ohio, it would be interesting to see if there is an obituary for Catherine (Younkin) Smitley - given the year of her death, in 1890, there would probably have been several newspapers that would have reported her death and family information.



## In Memory Of

### Margaret Glass

Margaret L. Glass, 83, of Tampa, Fla., and formerly of Tower Hill, #2, died Monday, May 31, 1993, in Tampa.

She was born on Aug. 28, 1909, in Tower Hill, daughter of the late George W. and Margaret (Younkin) Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, George T. Glass; two sons, Robert T. Glass of Homosassa, Fla., and Ronald E. Glass of Birmingham, Ala.; three daughters, Betty J. Eckley of Tampa, Fla., Virginia M. Cataneo of Brownsville and Shirley E. Doucette of Homosassa, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and seven great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother Walter Johnson; and five sisters, Myrtle Umble, Buelah Miller, Ida Novak, Sarah Malensky and Thelma Zadyak.

Interment was in LaFayette Memorial Park.

Source: *Herald Standard*, Uniontown, Pa.

[Margaret L. (Johnson) Glass<sup>7</sup>, Margaret (Younkin) Johnson<sup>6</sup>, Henry Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Jacob W. Younkin<sup>4</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

### Alvin Trimpey

Alvin W. Trimpey, 82, East Living Estates, Ligonier [Pa.], formerly of Somerset, died March 3, 1993, at Latrobe Hospital. Born Oct. 1, 1910, in Humbert, Pa., son of the late William and Lila (Younkin) Trimpey. Preceded in death by his wife, Leona (Vansickle), in 1983; brothers: Ralph, Charles, and Edward, and sisters: Mary Stairs, Bessie Berthold and Margie Faidley. Survived by brother, Harry Trimpey of Markleton, and sisters: Mabel Marker of Rockwood, and Esther Critchfield, Fishertown, Pa., and foster daughter, Barbara Benedek, Englewood, Fla.

World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. Member of Kingwood IOOF Lodge, Samuel S. Crouse Post 181, American Legion, Somerset. Member of Grace Methodist Church, Somerset. Retired teacher from Rockwood and Somerset area schools, where he taught industrial arts and social studies.

Services were held March 5, 1993 with the Rev. Charles E. Olson officiating. Interment was in Old Bethel Cemetery.

[Alvin Trimpey<sup>7</sup>, Delila Edna (Younkin) Trimpey<sup>6</sup>, William Lincoln Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Frederick J. Younkin<sup>4</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

### Agnes L. Younkin

Agnes Lieb Younkin, 85, of Uniontown died Thursday, April 22, 1993, in Uniontown Hospital.

She was born March 28, 1908, in Uniontown, daughter of the late Walter and Loula Patton Lieb.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold F. Younkin who died in 1970, and a sister, Evelyn DeMent.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry A. Younkin of Hopwood and Harold F. Younkin of Rochester Hills, N.Y., and two grandsons, James and Justin Younkin.

Services were held April 24, 1993, with the Rev. David F. Keller officiating. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Farmington.

[*Harold - Standard Newspaper*, Uniontown, Pa.]

### Vida Sipes

Vida M. Sipes, 88, of Mather, Pa., formerly of Confluence, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, in the Presbyterian Medical Center, Washington, Pa. She was born July 29, 1904, at Hexebarger. Daughter of the late Daniel M. and Pearl (Younkin) Firestone. Married to Charles Sipes, who died in 1963. Mrs. Sipes resided in Mather since 1981, where she made her home with her sister Orpha Hostetler. In August 1987, she was critically injured in an auto accident. As a result of the accident she was confined to the Presbyterian Medical Center until her death. She was a Protestant and attended the Mather Christian Church. Surviving are three sisters: Mrs. Rhue Lynch and Kathryn Gerhard, both of Latrobe, and Orpha Hostetler of Mather; several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Jersey Cemetery, Ursina, Pa.

[Vida (Firestone) Sipes<sup>7</sup>, Pearl (Younkin) Firestone<sup>6</sup>, Irvin Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Rev. Harmon Younkin<sup>4</sup>, John Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup> --- also of interest --- Orpha (Firestone) Hostetler, is the wife of Scott W. Hostetler<sup>6</sup>. Scott is the son of John and Sarah Araminda "Minnie" (Moon) Hostetler<sup>5</sup>. Sarah was the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Harriet V. (Younkin) Moon<sup>4</sup>, Jacob W. Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

### LaVerne Younkin

LaVerne M. Younkin, 84, of Bloomfield [Iowa] died May 23, 1993, at his home. He was born July 20, 1908, in Davis County to Ernest and Stella (Monroe) Younkin.

He married Jennie C. Day on April 22, 1931, in Bloomfield. He was a resident of Davis and Wapello counties his lifetime. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1928. He was a member of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church. He owned a feed and produce business in south Ottumwa for several years, was a federal meat inspector at Morrell's during World War II and managed the Farson Elevator before returning to the family farm from which he retired and moved to Bloomfield in 1981.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Roger, who died October 30, 1992, one granddaughter and two great granddaughters.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Sandra Lanman of Batavia; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Revs. Jon and Leila Disburg. Interment was in the IOOF Cemetery.

[Readers will recall the article in the YFNB, Vol. 2 #3 page 4, on LaVerne's son, Roger, from the *Washington Post* newspaper][LaVerne Younkin<sup>7</sup>, Ernest Lee Younkin<sup>6</sup>, William Street Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Moses Younkin<sup>4</sup>, John C. Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Frederick G. Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

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# The Politically Correct Genealogist

By Larry L. Logan

I'll admit to you all — up front — that I am not a politically correct person. And in this day-and-age in America, being politically correct is very popular! It's in vogue! It's the way things are supposed to be! It's ...It's...well, it's simply "political correctness"!

For those of you who may not have run into "political correctness" yet, let me give you some examples. It's politically correct to want to close down nuclear power plants (even though no one is building back-up plants and power rates are going through the roof). Also, it's politically correct to oppose the construction of hydroelectric dams because, while the power may be "cheap" and "clean", you might impair some fish migrations, or old trees, or white water rafting areas. "Recycling" is politically correct. Just like the TV ad tells us: "Recycle your used plastic bottles, and valuable products can be produced," like...plastic garbage cans!

Political correctness helps to make "nasty" things "nicer", and at the same time it also changes our language. Americans don't get taxed anymore. Congress and the President pass "revenue enhancement legislation." That's politically correct. Have you noticed that in America we don't have bums, hobos, or tramps anymore. Political correctness tells us instead that we just have a problem with "homeless people." Also, the slums are gone, although there are still some "economically disadvantaged urban areas" that do have some problems with "troubled teens" and "dysfunctional family environments." I think you get the idea.

Now what does all this have to do with genealogy? Well, let me explain. My wife, Donna (the genealogist), is constantly running into "situations" in the family research that are somewhat awkward and/or difficult to report on in a "nice" way. This is the reason for the terms: "black sheep" and "skeletons in the closet." How does she handle it?

Well, in most cases she just avoids publishing these stories. (And this is unfortunate, because the "black sheep" stories are usually about the most interesting people in our ancestry.) Now if she could just apply some of the principles of "political correctness," I am sure that she could cover all of these stories in a very "nice" way that would cause offense to no living member of the family. Let me propose some examples, and see what you think:



**"Old Uncle Jack was a horse thief, and he was caught and hung by vigilantes," or...**

"Old Uncle Jack was a horse thief, and he was caught and hung by vigilantes." This is kind of harsh, and could be embarrassing. How much better to report this incident in a politically correct manor: "Dear elderly Uncle Jack, who had made some unwise decisions in the equestrian world, was encountered by a group of concerned citizens, who counseled him in an appropriate corporeal fashion."

And how to handle the situation of children in the family who are born out-of-wedlock? The official term for these poor children is "illegitimate." How could anyone be so cold-hearted and harsh that they would apply such a "nasty" term to a totally innocent infant! Go with political correctness! Would it not be better to say that, "The beautiful child was born of the free-thinking, yet somewhat uninhibited parents, (John & Mary say), who were not shackled

to the restrictive societal norms of their archaic times."

Another somewhat sensitive area can be the first cousin (or closer) marriages. You can run into these in genealogical research, (and the term "inbred" should only be used when selectively breeding livestock. (Donna has several of these herself, mostly on her mother's side of the family. She has the same 7th great grandfather 5 times over!) Political correctness could handle this situation by simply stating that "John and Mary were happily wedded but never studied genealogy. It wasn't until their Golden Years that they discovered they had a great deal more in common than simple marital bliss and harmony."

How to handle the black sheep bigamist in the family tree? Handle it with political correctness! "Good old Uncle Bob was a fine and loving man who had a special place in his heart for the ladies, but also had an endearing flaw of being somewhat forgetful from time-to-time."

Let me know what you think, cousins-in-law! Should Donna go for the politically correct family newsletter?

No, now that I think about it, it's a bad idea. Let's face it, how can anything that is "political" possibly be "correct" at the same time? Forget I wrote this column. Talk to you all next issue...

*Larry Logan*





June 11, 1914

# Farmer Shot by Neighbor

## Road Dispute Results in Bloodshed

William C. Trimpey, a prominent farmer of Upper Turkeyfoot Twp. [Somerset Co., Pa.] was perhaps fatally shot at 7 o'clock this morning, by one of his neighbors as the result of a dispute over the closing of a private road.

Henry C. Cramer, the blacksmith at Kingwood, is in the county jail charged with the shooting.

Bad blood had existed for some time between the two men over the closing of a private road to Trimpey's farm by Cramer in opening a private road for himself.

Trimpey, acting on legal advice that he was within his rights, proceeded to tear down the fence that Cramer had erected, and was shot while doing so.

Sheriff Hochard arrived at the scene of the shooting at noon, and arrested Cramer while the latter was calmly eating his dinner at his home. He was taken before Trimpey and identified by the latter as the man who shot him.

The Sheriff procured the shotgun with which Cramer is alleged to have done the shooting. The gun was borrowed by a neighbor, for the purpose of shooting Trimpey.

Dr. J. C. Hemminger of Rockwood was called to attend the wounded man and found him in a very serious condition. His bladder was punctured in three places and altogether 22 BB shot entered his body. The doctor gave the victim little hope of being able to save his life. Accordingly he prepared for the end by making his will and his peace with God.

Trimpey is about 44 years old and has a wife and four or five children. He is one of the best known farmers of the region. The dastardly attempt on his life has roused the indignation of the entire community.

[Meyersdale Republican — June 14, 1914]

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William Trimpey the Kingwood farmer who was shot last Thursday morning by his neighbor, Henry C. Cramer, as reported in last week's Republican, died in the Markelton Hospital at 5 o'clock Friday morning, following an operation performed by Dr. George Hays of Pittsburg, Dr. J. C. Hemminger of Rockwood and Dr. H. A. Smeltz of Markleton. An inquest was conducted by Dr. H. S. Kimmell of Macdonaldton, the county coroner; the jury, composed of Harry Weyand, Arthur Brougher, George Smith, Willis Mills, Frank Yost and Roy Fletcher, rendered a verdict to the effect that Trimpey died from a gunshot wound inflicted by Henry C. Cramer, with homicidal intent, and holding him to answer for the crime of murder.

### County Detective Testifies

One of the important witnesses was County Detective Wagner, who testified that he went to the Cramer home in company with Sheriff Hochard to make the arrest, at which time Cramer denied that he ever had a gun. Later he told him the gun was in an unoccupied outhouse, where the weapon was found. Detective Wagner stated that the right barrel of

the weapon had been discharged but that the exploded shell could not be found. On the window of the building stood two loaded shells. On the way to Somerset, Detective Wagner testified, Cramer told Sheriff Hochard and the detective that he did not do any shooting that day, but that later he made the admission he had fired twice at a groundhog, missing the animal both times.

### Daughter's Damaging Testimony

Lola Trimpey, 14 years of age and daughter of the murdered man, testified that she and her mother heard her father scream and that they ran to the spot where they found Trimpey badly wounded. She remained with her father while her mother ran to the Trimpey home for assistance, the latter summoning neighbors and telephoning for a doctor. Lola Trimpey also testified that she saw Cramer crawling through some bushes while making his way to a corn field, in which he was afterward seen plowing and at which work he continued while the wounded man was carried past the field on a plank.

Dwight Shelly, 10 years of age, testified that he worked for Cramer and yesterday morning rode the horse while Cramer was plowing corn in the field, as testified by the Trimpey girl. The evening before, the Shelly lad testified, Cramer told him that he need not come to work before 10 o'clock. The boy testified that Cramer also told him he would not allow Trimpey to cross the private road, the dispute over which led to the tragedy, but that Cramer had cautioned him (Shelly) not to say anything about this to any person.

### Saw Cramer With Gun

Mrs. Susan Sechler testified that early in the morning she had seen Cramer pass in the direction of the scene of the murder and at that time he was carrying a shotgun. Miss Ella Trimpey, sister of the victim, testified that Trimpey told her that Cramer was the man who shot him.

### Trimpey's Funeral

Between 500 and 600 people attended the funeral of Trimpey last Sunday. The Lutheran Church at Kingwood where the funeral services were conducted, was not large enough to accommodate all who gathered for the obsequies and after the services had been conducted by Rev. P. B. Easonld the edifice was cleared and the assemblage was permitted to file in and out of the church in taking a last view of the corpse. Interment was in the Lutheran Cemetery.

### The Bereaved Family

Mr. Trimpey is survived by his aged father, John S. Trimpey; his widow, whose maiden name was Ella Sechler; three children — Lola, Minnie and Irma, the latter two being twins three years old, and the following brothers and sisters; Sarah, wife of John A. Cunningham of Connellsville; Mary, wife of Charles Sechler of Upper Turkeyfoot; Etta, wife of

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## *The Soldier Who Had Two Widows*

By Mark A. Miner

It seemed to be a typical Civil War tragedy. Jacob M. Younkin, a farmer boy from the mountains, got married and went off to fight for his country, and was killed in action. The government agreed to pay a pension to his grieving widow to compensate her for the devastating loss. In short, it was a cut-and-dried case, with all the facts in order, however sad.

Except for one key complication. Two women stepped forward after his death, each claiming to have been his wife, each having proof that they had been united in marriage with him in a ceremony performed by a minister of the gospel.

This is the story of the effort to untangle the matrimonial mess, involving "Widow Sarah" Younkin and "Widow Mary Jane" Younkin, one of them legitimate, the other bogus.

The soldier, Jacob M. Younkin, was born on a farm near Kingwood, Somerset Co., Pa., in 1840, the son of John M. and Laura (Miner) Younkin. His brothers and sisters were Eli, Shedrick, Charles, Josiah, Daniel M., Mary, Josephine, Catherine and Nellie Younkin. It is not known if he attended school, or what he did for fun, though he probably stayed close to home. It was later stated that he had "lived in what is known as the Mountain, and was probably never in Uniontown twice in his life" before the war.

In about 1860, Jacob moved to Normalville, Pa. A year later, when the Civil War had been underway only a few months, he left home to enlist in the 85th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into the regiment on Nov. 7, 1861 at Uniontown. The 85th trained there at Camp Fayette for a short time before marching toward the battle lines in Virginia.

Among the regiment's early activities were siege operations in front of Yorktown and an engagement near Williamsburg. In May 1862, the regiment marched to Fair Oaks Station and began to fortify the area. The men were busy constructing a redoubt on May 31 when the enemy attacked. The 85th took a position in rifle pits on the right side of the main work. According to an eyewitness officer:

The enemy now attacked me in large force on the centre and both wings, and a brisk fire of musketry extended along the two opposing lines; my artillery in the meantime throwing canister into their ranks with great effect. When the charge had ceased, but not until the troops had reached the edge of the woods, the most terrible fire of musketry commenced that I have ever witnessed. The enemy advanced again in force, and the flanks having again been severely threatened, a retreat to the works became necessary. To be brief, the rifle-pits were retained until they were almost enveloped by the enemy -- the troops, with some exceptions, fighting with spirit and gallantry.

During seven days of extended fighting, Union and Confederate losses totaled 11,000 men. The 85th Pa. Infantry itself had 87 casualties. One of the dead was Jacob M. Younkin.

On Oct. 1, 1862, four months after Jacob's death, a 26-year-old woman named Sarah Floyd Miller Younkin ("Widow Sarah") appeared before a Fayette County official. She said she was the widow of Jacob Younkin of the 85th Pa. Infantry. As per the provisions of a recent Act of Congress, she claimed to be entitled to a widow's pension. She had documents to prove she was married to the soldier in Uniontown on Nov. 16, 1861, shortly before the regiment left town, but had no offspring. Her friends Amanda Miller and Ann Floyd swore oaths confirming her claims.

The paperwork was in order. On April 4, 1863, the government approved Widow Sarah's pension, at a rate of \$8.00 a month, to be retroactive to May 31, 1862, the date the soldier died.

The monthly payments suddenly stopped five months later. Something, or someone, was amiss. It turned out that officials had discovered something that Widow Sarah may never have been told -- that her husband was also married to a woman named Mary Jane ("Widow Mary Jane") and had a young son named Harvey Younkin living back home in the mountain.

Confusion ensued. Investigations were launched. The dust did not settle for years.

Documents and witnesses were furnished to show that the soldier had married Mary Jane Christner near Kingwood on June 26, 1859, about two years before the war began. Soonafter, they moved to near Normalville and "lived together as man and wife, and were so reputed in the Neighborhood." Witnesses testified about the birth of the couple's one and only child, Harvey Younkin, in July 1860. Although Widow Mary Jane had since remarried, to one Daniel K. Grim, and died within a few years, her son Harvey had a legitimate claim to his late father's pension.

Harvey's guardian, postmaster John W. Sherbondy of Normalville, wrote a rather blunt summary:

Jacob Younkin was in camp at Uniontown twenty odd miles from home. He is reputed to have married Sarah Floyd of Uniontown, at which place was located Camp Fayette, the Rendezvous of said Regt, and just four days before the Regt marched to the front. This Sarah Floyd was a reputed [prostitute],

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# Family Bible Records of Singleton and Eliza Jane Younkin

Submitted by Mildred Deeming  
Chino, California

In response to my request for the family Bible records of Singleton Younkin's family, Mildred Deeming graciously sent them and the following letter:

*Dear Donna,*

I have tried to copy all entries from the book I have just as they are, correct spelling or not. This book is called "The Analysis of the Holy Bible" by Professor Roswell D. Hitchcock, D.D. of the Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York. I have no idea when it was written as the first few pages are missing and I cannot find any dates anywhere. I do remember this book being in my grandparent's home and when things were divided, my father fell heir to it. I now have it in my possession. All the information that I have given you is from this book or the wedding book of my grandparents, Homer and Cora Younkin.

I will also send a copy of the birth's of my father, his sister and brothers that grandmother wrote in her marriage book.

I hope that this is some help and that it is correct.

Mildred Deeming, 12346 Cedar, Chino Calif. 91710

## Family Record — Miscellaneous

William Clinton McMillian son of Alva H. and Leota M. McMillian was born Aug. 16, 1888

Orvil Singleton Younkin son of Morton E. and Katie L. Younkin was born May 26, 1891

Alma Ruth daughter of Morton E. and Katie L. Younkin born Sept. 3 '9

## Births

Singleton Younkin son of Isaac and Rebecca Younkin born Aug. 19th 1837 A.D.

Eliza Jane Demoss daughter of Peter and Elmira Demoss was born June the 19th 1849 A.D.

Morton E. Younkin son of Singleton and Eliza Jane Younkin was born Oct 27th A.D. 1867

Leota May daughter of Singleton and Eliza J. Younkin was born April 29th A.D. 1869

Peter Alva Younkin son of Singleton and Eliza Younkin was born October 19th A.D. 1872

Mamie Elmira Younkin daughter of Singleton & Eliza J. Younkin was born March the 18. 1877

Homer Arthur Younkin son of Singleton & Eliza J. Younkin was born December 17 1881

Leola Rhea Younkin daughter of Singleton & Eliza J. Younkin was born Apr. 22 1894

## Marriages

Singleton Younkin and Eliza Jane Demoss were married January 20th 1867 A.D.

Alva H. Mcmillian and Leota May Younkin were married March 31. 1888

Morton E. Younkin and Katie L. Ditus were married June 10, 1890.

James Prather & Mamia E. Younkin were (married) Aug. 19 1894

Norman S. Younkin and Edyth Mae Seaman were married Jan 10 1900.

Alva P. Younkin and Maye E. Pierce married Nov. 18th 1900

Homer A. Younkin and Cora M. Stonehouse married May 12. 1903

## Deaths

Leota May McMillian died Aug 17 1888 of Bright Deasease  
Baby Willbert Mcmillian died Sep 10 1888 of Thrush in mouth

Leala Reha Younkin died Aug 4th 1894 of Calra imfantorn (? - this is how it is spelled in the book)

Delina Shultz Younkin died Janury 16 1875.

Singleton Younkin died Nov. 25. 1907 of lung troble at his home 2020 Bay st Cal (Los Angeles City)

E. J. Wigle died June 20th 1915 age 66 yrs. 1 day

Katie Dittus Younkin - May 8, 1925

Morton E. Younkin - June 14, 1927

Alva Peter Younkin - Nov 10, 1929

Norman S. Younkin - May 19, 1940

## Miscellaneous

W. S. Younkin was born Jan the 12, 1875

Elmira Demoss died January 10, 1890

Isacc Younkin died Aug. 12 1861

Rebecca Younkin died Sept. 13, 1875

Peter Demoss died June 1880 (looks like 15)

Ellen Demoss died Sept. 22, 1879

## Births — (from Homer & Cora's Marriage Book)

Homer Arthur Younkin on Dec. Seventeenth 1881

Cora May Stonehouse Sept. Eighth 1879

Arthur Earl Younkin Feb. fifth 1905 Sunday

Vera Evangeline Younkin July Twenty 1907 Thur.

Harold Sydney Younkin Apr Sixth 1909. Tues.

Glen Roger Younkin May Sixteenth Wednesday 1911

## Mildred Younkin Deeming's Ancestry

Mildred Younkin (Thomas Deeming)

Arthur E. Younkin (Doris Latham)

Homer Arthur Younkin (Cora Stonehouse)

Singleton Younkin (Eliza Jane Demoss)

Isaac Younkin (Rebecca Kitzmaller Walter)

Jacob Younkin (Sarah "Salome" Weimer)

Jacob Younkin (Hannah Nicola)

## "The Reformed Congregation of Loudon County Virginia" Baptismal Records:

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Rudolph Juncken Elisabeth, wife	Samuel born: Sept 2, bapt. March 3, 1799	John Junken Catharine, his wife
Rudolph Junkin Elisabeth, wife	Magdalena born: Jan. 16, 1804	Johann Georg, Elisabeth, wife
Jacob Junken Eleanor, wife	Wilhelm born: April 22, 1805	Christoph Barnhaus Rosina

This church was located in the Lovettsville, Loudoun County, area of Virginia. My thanks to Margaret Myers of Frederick, Maryland, who sent these records. Margaret owns a copy of the original church records which are German script. Several years ago a friend of Margaret's translated the German for her and these records are taken from the translation. The following copy of the original German script is for the entry of Samuel, son of Rudolph and Elisabeth.

*Rudolph Juncken*  
*Elisabeth* } *Samuel*  
*geb. d. 2ten*  
*September*  
*1798*  
*get. d.*  
*3ten Merck*  
*1799* } *John Junken*  
*Catharine*  
*Wife*

## "New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church" Baptismal Records:

The other church in Lovettsville, Loudoun County, Virginia, that our family attended was the New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Younkin records found in its parish register (1784-1836) follow: [These records were also transcribed from the original German script.]

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Johannes Jungken Catharina	Catharina Aug. 18, 1787 Sept. 19, 1787	Jacob Jungken Hannah
....ounken [this is John] Catharina	Carl Philipp [Charles] Oct. 6, 1795 Nov. 1, 1795	John Yunken Catharina
Rudolf Junkin Elisabeth	Joseph Aug. 24, 1806 Oct. 2, 1806	Conrad Roller Elisabeth

The records also show the following Younkin baptismal sponsors:

About 1784 Johannes Junken and wife Catharina stood sponsor for a daughter of Wilhelm Roesle....

In 1786 Johannes Junghenn and Catharina stood sponsor for a son of Christoph Bruhl and wife Margareth.

In 1795 John Yunken and Catharina stood sponsor for a daughter of ...Gorver and wife Maria Elisabeth.

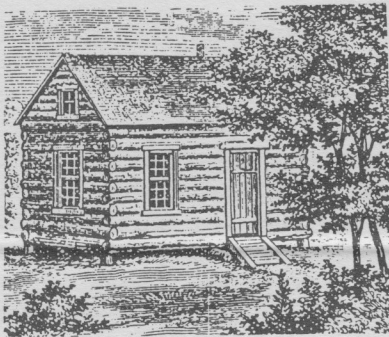


## ***New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church*** ***'German Lutheran Church' — Lovettsville, Loudoun County, Virginia***

The following history of the New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church appeared in the *Loudoun Times* newspaper on 8 March 1973.

"This Church was organized about the year 1765. Its first Pastor was the Rev. Schwerdfeger. Soon afterwards this congregation secured a grant of land from Lord Fairfax, who at this time held a large tract of land in this part of Virginia. It is upon this land that the Church and parsonage now stand. This proved a stimulant to the congregation and they soon undertook the erection of a small wooden church and school house. Rev. Schwerdfeger was followed by the Rev. Hartwick, the Rev. Sartorius served the congregation for a time.

"He was succeeded by the Rev. John Andreas Krug, who took charge of this Church in connection with Frederick, Maryland.

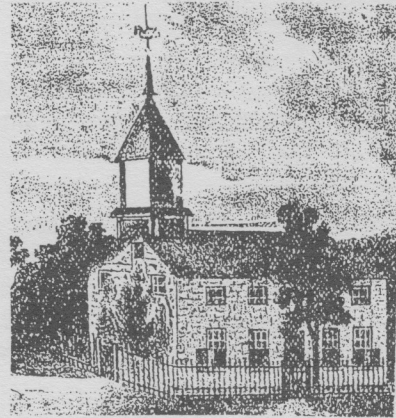


*New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church circa 1765*

"He was their Pastor for upwards of twenty years. He was followed by the Rev. J. G. Graeber.

"About the year 1800 it was decided, in consequence of the growth of the congregation to erect a more commodious building and in the spring of 1802 the cornerstone was laid. The house was put under roof but, for want of funds, was not completed that year.

"The building was 40 by 60 feet in size, built of stone. It had galleries on three sides, the ceiling was arched, the aisles



*New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church circa 1802*

were paved with stone. Above the door was the inscription in bold letters:

**DEI-GLORIA-1802**

"While the first authentic record of the organization of the New Jerusalem Church is dated 1765, it is quite probable that the congregation came into existence at a still earlier date. The above statement covers all that is known of the beginning of this Church."

The above was furnished me by Miss Edith Hickman of Lovettsville who advised me she had it from the Rev. L. H. Waring, a former Pastor.

On Oct. 20, 1797, Ferdinando Fairfax and Elizabeth Blair Fairfax, his wife, conveyed to the trustees of the German Lutheran Church, (George Shaffer, George Mann, Jacob Waltman, Adam Householder Jr. and Philip Frey) a certain tract of land containing twelve and a half acres, and twenty-three perches, described by metes and bounds, for the use of the members of the German Lutheran Church.

[Drawings are from the commemorative booklet published by the church in 1965, celebrating its 200th anniversary.]

## **Our Military Men**

### **"He gave his all"**

LCPL Andrew Winter Youngkin Jr., Marine Corp., died 19 Sept 1966, in Vietnam. He was from Capital Heights, Maryland. Born 16 Nov 1946, he was the son of the late Andrew Winter Youngkin Sr. and Nellie (Fitzgerald) Youngkin of Capital Heights.

His name is engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Panel No. 10E, Line No. 123.

[Andrew Winter Youngkin Jr.<sup>7</sup>, Andrew Winter Youngkin Sr.<sup>6</sup>, Loy Harrison Youngkin<sup>5</sup>, Andrew W. Youngkin<sup>4</sup>, David Youngkin<sup>3</sup>, Henry Youngkin Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

## **Congratulations to James Anthony Younkin**

of Meyersdale, Somerset Co., Pa., a member of Allegheny Community College Fall 1992 graduating class.

He received his degree in computer science and technology, mainframe and personal computer options.

## Murder in Somerset

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John Phillippi of Sculton; John of Somerset; Ephraim of Baraboo, Wis., and Ella at home. He is also survived by one half-brother, George Trimpey, also at home.

### Cramer Denies Guilt

Cramer steadfastly denies that he is the man who shot Trimpey. He claims he was working in his blacksmith shop that morning and will endeavor to prove an alibi. He has retained Charles F. Uhl, Esq., as his counsel.

To learn the rest of the story, one will have to further investigate the courthouse records to see what the disposition of the case was. I only have the above newspaper accounts directly after the event. Many thanks to Olive Duff for making copies of these newspaper articles and sending them in to our newsletter.

### Now for the family connections —

Perhaps I should have titled this "Everett Sechler's grandmother helps in investigation", since Everett's grandmother is none other than Mrs. Walter A. (Susan Younkin) Sechler, daughter of John F. and his wife Diana Elizabeth (McNair) Younkin — [Susan (Younkin) Sechler<sup>6</sup>, John F. Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Rev. Harmon Younkin<sup>4</sup>, John Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]. Then Susan's sister Mary Younkin was married to Freeman Sechler.

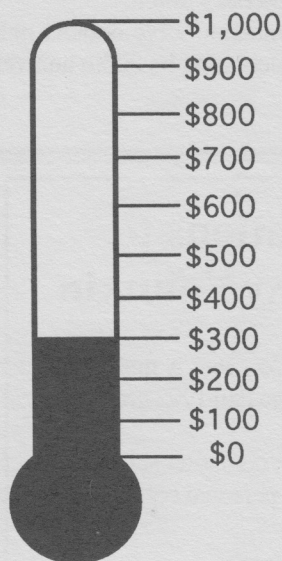
Eventhough this connection is most interesting, I wouldn't have put this story in just based on that connection only!

*Yes, the victim was also a Younkin.*

William Trimpey was the son of John S. and Nancy (Younkin) Trimpey. Nancy was the daughter of Frederick F. and Sarah (Faidley) Younkin — [Nancy (Younkin) Trimpey<sup>4</sup>, Frederick F. Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Frederick G. Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

## Headstone Fund

Frederick G. & Catherine Younkin



### Contributors:

Laurel Posey  
Eleanor Buzalsky  
Bill & Loretta Kelldorf  
Tom & Evelyn Younkin  
Bill & Mary Hall  
Mark A. Miner  
Larry & Donna Logan

## "The Church in the Valley" — may help find our missing immigrant brother



Rev. H. Austin and Virginia (Younkins) Cooper

The Rev. H. Austin Cooper's newest book was released recently. Titled "The Church in the Valley", it is the history of the Brownsville Church of the Brethren, Brownsville, Washington County, Maryland.

In reading this book I was struck by the many coincidences I found regarding the early families of this church and the known allied families to our Junghen ancestors. As most of you are aware, we have established that there were most likely three immigrant brothers — Henry Junghen, Herman Junghen and Johannes "John" Junghen. (See YFNB Vol. 2 #2 page 9.) We have much information on the families of the first two, but very little on Johannes "John" Junghen. We know that he came to America with Henry in 1754 (this was Henry's second trip to America but this time he returned with Johannes Junghen. Johannes Junghen married Catharine Kilicher on 23 Jan 1759 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (called the Blue Mountain Church), in Northampton County (now a part of Lehigh County, it is about two miles west of Cooperstown, Pa.). We also know that Johannes and Catharine (Kilicher) Junghen baptized a son named George in 1766. But this is the last record we have found for this Johannes Junghen — he simply disappeared. I have to wonder if Rev. Cooper's Johannes Younkings is our missing brother? But one must remember that the records we have on our Johannes Junghen were Lutheran not Brethren records. Could our Johannes Junghen have become a Brethren? Perhaps one day more light will be shed on this question.

The following excerpts give the earliest records of the Brownsville Church researched by Rev. Cooper, as they relate to Johannes Younkings:

Pages 7 & 8 — "Records in the Frederick County Courthouse [Washington County was at this time a part of Frederick County] show that on February 9, 1748, Henry Roth, Sr. (Rhodes, Rhoads) from Franklin County, Pa., bought land

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## Cooper's Brownsville Church of the Brethren

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from John George Arnold, along Broad Run, in Frederick County. (*Rhoades Family History*, by Dr. Henry Rhoades).

**"Henry Roth Sr. (Heinrich) was born in Manheim, Germany, 1686. He died in Ursina, Somerset Co., Pa., 1774, and was buried in Rhoades Cemetery, near Brooks Tunnel on B&O Railroad, near Ursina, Pa.** The father of Heinrich was Christian Roth, Rhine Valley, Germany, who remained in Germany.

"In 1750 Henry Roth, Sr. moved his family back to Franklin County, Pa., the old Antietam congregation, at Waynesboro, Pa. The southern part is in the Hagerstown-Manor church and Williamsport, Maryland sections.

"This part of history is very important to the Brownsville congregation for it shows that Brownsville Brethren were here as early as 1745. Through this early 1745 period, most of these Brethren lived near Burkittsville and Broad Run, Frederick County. This was within the Brownsville congregation at that time.

"On February 9, 1748, John George Arnold sold land to Henry Roth Sr., Mr. George V. Arnold, Frederick County Commissioner (1952), told this writer that Henry Roth, Sr. built his log cabin where the Thomas Arnold house stands next to the Pleasant View Church. (Thomas Arnold was the father of George Arnold).

"By 1760 the following families were here (this means in the Brownsville congregation): Henry Ausherman built a house called "Shot Proof," (where Mr. & Mrs Charles "Bert" Thornton now live and own). **Johannas Yunkins (later removed to Pleasant Valley, settled at Mt Nebo), David Arnold, Rudolph Nofsinger, John Adam Karn, George Kaetzel, others."**

Page 13— "In 1760 the following families of the Brownsville congregation lived in the vicinity of Brown's Trading Post (Brownsville): Elder Johannes Yunkins, (lived at Mt. Nebo), George Haller, Jacob Hahn, George Kaetzel, John Meyers, Henry Baer, Johannes Beachley, John Phillips (later removed to Fauquier Co., Va., near Front Royal.)

"In 1770 the group in Pleasant Valley had grown in numbers, mostly by Brethren who had moved here from Lancaster and York Counties, Pa."

Page 14 — "The Brownsville Church at this time [about 1820] was in dire need of leadership. Elder Jacob Danner, the Presiding Elder, and Elder John (Johannes) Yunkins, Ministers, were incapacitated by old age. These two Elders died at this time. John Yunkins died in 1820; Jacob Danner in 1822. Elder John Countryman, who lived on the Trego Road, moved to Darke Co., Ohio, summer of 1790. He was one of the local Ministers of the congregation of Brownsville."

Page 59 — **"In 1760, Johannes Yunkins (Junkin), moved into the Pleasant Valley, at Mt. Nebo, near Rohrsersville. He had come from Alsace on the border of Holland, and later moved into the Germantown congregation at Philadelphia. From here he removed to Pleasant Valley. He settled on a farm near what is now Gapland, at**

**the little settlement at the foot of the mountain, about two miles northeast of Gapland. it is believed that he was buried in the little cemetery where the new road (Rt. #67), cut through the farm, near the entrance to the road leading to the Rohrsersville Road. The remains were taken to Rohrsersville Cemetery and buried."**

One of the most active members of this church was school teacher Oliver Melvin Columbus Yunkins (grandfather of Mrs. Virginia Yunkins Cooper). Rev. Cooper's book is filled with generations of Oliver's descendants who helped tremendously to build this church over the years.

In conjunction with the announcement of Rev. Cooper's newest book, mention should also be made of his book "Two Centuries of Brothersvalley Church of the Brethren 1762-1962", which is located in Somerset County Pa. This book is now in its second printing. For information on Rev. Cooper's books, and where to purchase them, please write: Rev. H. Austin Cooper, 1421 Taney Ave. #203, Frederick Maryland 21702.

## Meet Your Cousin...

Vesta Yunkin Kirzgavis  
Larobe, Pa.

AGE: "62."

FAMILY: "John and I were married June 29, 1955. We have two daughters: Joni, 29, and Amy, 26. My father was Jesse J. Yunkin, he died in 1963. My mother was Hazel McNair, whom I never met because she died in 1933. Our daughter Amy was married June 29, 1991. Joni isn't married."

WORK/CAREER: "John is partially retired, he works for me two days a week. I am manager of a BP Oil Convenience Store. I am planning to retire the end of 1992. My latest career didn't last too long, I took 20 years out to raise my family."

MUSIC: "I love music — anything from the '30s to the '80s."

FOOD: "Seafood & Italian food are my favorites."

GOALS: "To retire as planned."

FAVORITE ANCESTOR: "I only remember seeing my grandfather a few times as a young child. I did know my father's sisters & brothers but did not see enough of any of them as an adult."

[Vesta (Yunkin) Kirzgavis<sup>7</sup>, Jesse James Yunkin<sup>6</sup>, William Henry Yunkin<sup>5</sup>, Jacob Yunkin<sup>4</sup>, Jacob Yunkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Yunkin<sup>2</sup>, Heinrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]



Vesta Yunkin Kirzgavis at 1992 Yunkin Reunion

# Uriah & Minnie (Younkin) Myers

by Mary Lou Hiatte  
of New Bloomfield, Missouri

Uriah F. Myers was born in Somerset County, the son of Henry A. and Mary (Faidley) Myers. He was married to Minnie F. Younkin, daughter of John H. and Lucinda (Switzer) Younkin, in Perryapolis, Pa., by the Rev. J. H. Stone on 19 Feb 1885.

Soon after their marriage, they moved to Wakefield, Ks. And after grandfather Myers had made a trip to South Dakota and to California.

They settled in Wakefield, Ks., where all of their children were born except Mildred. Several years later they moved to Broken Arrow, Ok., where grandfather Myers worked in the cotton mill. I remember taking my mother there on a trip before she died and she showed me a hill overlooking the town where she and her sisters played as children.

Some years later they heard of a farm in Callaway County that could be traded for the farm they had in Oklahoma. They moved here to Missouri in 1907 and settled on a farm about three miles west of New Bloomfield, Mo.

George, the only son, was sent back to Pennsylvania to live with grandmother's sister, Jane<sup>1</sup>, to attend college. Grandmother refused pleadings from her sisters to let the girls come East to obtain a better education than they thought they could get here in mid-Missouri.



Junction City, Kansas, circa 1892— from left, George E. Myers, Uriah F. Myers, Minnie Younkin Myers, Lula Fern Myers.

The girls were raised and educated in New Bloomfield schools and some of the girls attended Kirksville Teachers College. Pressure was placed on each child to excel and education was a high priority.

They raised a large garden, had cattle, chickens, turkeys and geese. Grandmother sold butter, eggs, cream and live-stock and grandmother made jams and jellies and preserved garden produce to last through a long Missouri Winter. She

would begin to fatten two geese in early Fall for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner. She was a wonderful cook.

They were active in the Hopewell Baptist Church and were known to be good neighbors.

Grandmother especially loved the Christmas holidays and the entire family always came home for that day. She would start baking in November for the big day. She would set the table with a snow white tablecloth and napkins and her best china.

Each child would be given a gift from the ceiling high tree that was laden with homemade ornaments, cookies and sparkling rope that was no doubt sent from Pennsylvania.

Grandmother was blessed with two sisters that had no children and helped grandmother dress the daughters in lovely clothes. Mother remembered that lots of beautiful clothes and other things arrived in the mail almost weekly from these sisters.

I remember little of grandpa Myers as he died when I was a small child.

Grandma was a staunch Republican and a devout Baptist. I remember her as a very refined and somewhat strait-laced lady and she was determined that her grandchildren were going to (in her words) "amount to something."

Grandma would get letters from all over the world from her sisters, but never seemed too disturbed that world traveling was not her lot as she had her family and for her that was enough.

I am sure she was lonesome for her family in the East, but my mother said she only heard her complain once when she was in Kansas. She said she asked my grandfather if she could not return to her beloved Pennsylvania, could they please return to Missouri where at least there were trees. So, that is what they did, return to Missouri.

*The children of Uriah and Minnie Myers:*

1) **George Emmanuel Myers:** (1887-1961), as a teenager, he went to live with his aunt in Pennsylvania and attended college there. After graduation, he worked for Kraft Foods in Chicago, Il., until his retirement, when he moved to Phoenix, Az. He married Ruth James. No children.

2) **Lula Fern Myers:** (1889-1960), attended Kirksville Teachers College and taught school in the Callaway County schools until her marriage to Ross Wilkerson. For many years she traveled with her husband who worked for Union Electric. No children.

3) **Mary Ella Myers:** (1893-1967), married Otha Hudson in 1917, and they owned a large farm east of Fulton, Mo. They were active in their church and community and she was a devoted wife and mother of three children.

4) **Alice Vivian Myers:** (1895-1967), attended Kirksville

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## Uriah & Minnie (Younkin) Myers

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Early 1940s—from left, Mary, Mildred, Alice, George, Hazel and Lula Fern with their mother, Minnie (Younkin) Myers.

Teachers College and taught in the Callaway County Schools until her marriage to Moss Hudson in 1915. After several years Moss died, and she married Will Minker. She lived in the Callaway and Boone County area all of her married life. They were the parents of three children.

5) **Hazel Elnora Myers:** (1901-1973), attended New Bloomfield High School, and lived in the Callaway area all of her life. She married Thomas Price Dozier in 1921. They were active in school and church and boarded the local school teacher for 16 years. Hazel, too, was a devoted wife and mother of three children.

6) **Mildred Frances Myers:** (1903-?), she was born in Comanche County, Okla., and in 1929 married Frank Anthony. They had two children. Since their daughter, Helen, and I were the same age, it was a very exciting time when they came to visit. We had many delightful times as children playing in Grandma Myers' attic where she had many old beautiful clothes which were wonderful to dress up in.



Albert & Mary Lou Hiatte  
at the 1992  
Younkin Family Reunion

## Obituaries

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### Mabel Younkin

Mabel Younkin, 90, of New Florence, Pa., died Friday, May 21, 1993, at Mercy Hospital, Altoona.

Mrs. Younkin was born Oct. 4, 1902, in Somerset County, daughter of James and Sarah Knopsnyder.

Surviving are children: Cecil, Florida, and Mrs. Edward (Gloria) Grata, Salix; son-in-law Charles Hepner; daughter-in-law Joy Howard; 14 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; brother Howard, Rockwood; sisters Betty Thompson, Markleton and Lelora Walsh, Friedens.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dewey; an infant daughter, Ethel; Leora Hepner and Warren Younkin.

Services were held Monday, May 24, with the Rev. Richard Yates officiating. Interment was in Rockwood IOOF Cemetery.

[Our cousins who have attended the reunions will remember Randy Younkin and his wife Mary Alice. Mabel was Randy's grandmother. She was the wife of Dewey Levi Younkin<sup>6</sup>, Levi Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>4</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

### Carrie Walsh

Carrie Myrtle (Brown) Walsh, 76, formerly of Brush Valley, Pa., died Tuesday, April 27, 1993, at Lee Hospital, Johnstown, Pa.

The daughter of John and Mary E. (Younkin) Brown, she was born April 15, 1917, in Brush Valley.

Mrs. Walsh was a member of the Brush Valley United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband William J. Walsh; three children: James, Lexington, SC; William C., Robinson; Mrs. Paul (Beverly) Berezansky, Seward, Pa.; 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Interment was in Brush Valley Cemetery.

[Carrie (Brown) Walsh<sup>6</sup>, Mary E. (Younkin) Brown<sup>5</sup>, Uriah Younkin<sup>4</sup>, Aaron Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Henry Younkin Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

## Family Crest

### Tee Shirts & Sweatshirts

Please note: Our crest uses the same JUNGHEN spelling as our immigrant "Johan Henrich Junghen" used. This will be the only order placed before Christmas and will be shipped mid-November.

### Order deadline — September 30th!

**Adult Sizes:** (navy blue with white/lt blue printing)

Small (34-36), Medium (38-40),

Large (42-44), X-Large (46-48), XX-large (50)

**Children's sizes:**

Medium (10-12), Large (14-16)

**Prices:**

(Includes shipping)

**T-shirts:**

Adult sizes— \$14

children sizes— \$11

**Sweatshirts:**

Adult Reg. wgt. \$18

Adult Sup. wgt. \$21

Children's \$16

(no super wgt. avail)

## More Younkins and their hobbies

Dear Donna,

Just thought I'd let you know that among the clan there is at least one camera collector. I am not in the business as a trader. My modus operandi has been, if it is inexpensive enough, buy it. At this time I have 150-200 starting at 1898 and going to the early 1960s. This is a combination of both still and motion picture.

At one time, I had around twenty reels of very old nitrate 35mm motion pictures. As they deteriorated, they were taken out and burned. The last of them were sent to the film archives in Suitland, Md., about two years ago.

The prize of the lot was a one reel 1905 EDISON titled "Lost In The Alps." This was not a good print, but it was reported that there was only one other print and it was in similar condition.

Of interest to Connellsville, Pa., Younkins of 65 years plus, I have the POWERS 6A silent 35mm projector that came out of the old ARCADE THEATER at the foot of Crawford Ave.

*Jack Younkin, 2929 Limestone Blvd., Charleston, SC 29414*  
[John Eli "Jack" Younkin Jr.<sup>7</sup>, John Eli Younkin Sr.<sup>6</sup>, Eli Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Jacob H. Younkin<sup>4</sup>, John Younkin<sup>3</sup>, John Michael Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

Dear Donna,

...Please tell Jim Younkin, of Fresno, Calif., that Sandia Hayes has two main collections (besides cookbooks): I collect eagles — from wooden ones to porcelain ones. It started in 1976 when I started watching Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power" and learned to love the Bible verse, Isaiah 40:37, "They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint..." I got my first eagle through his program but my friends and family have added many to it.... The second collection I have is family quilts. Most that I have come from my husband's family — the oldest one was from his great grandmother and was made approximately 1886. The newest one is on my mother's bed in Confluence [Pa.]. I made it for her in 1983. It contains the birthdates of her children on the large squares. The center is a calender that contains the birthdates of her grandchildren and the anniversaries of her children. At the present time I am making pillow shams to match the quilt that will contain mom's birthdate, our step-father's (he raised all us kids) birthdate as the center with squares containing the birthdates of her present great grandchildren....

*Sandia Hayes, 10705-1 W. Seventh Pl, Lakewood, Colo. 80215*

## More on the "cookbook collections"

Sandia Hayes also wrote:

"When I read Larry's recent column I couldn't stop smiling. It was a scene right out of my kitchen. Lee and I recently moved "back to town" for Lee to get his degree in Mechanical Engineering. We left the farm in "good hands" of a kind family that wanted to "live in the county and loved gardening". When it came time to pack Lee said, 'do we really want to take all these cookbooks? I don't think we've used more than one or two of them since we moved here eight years ago.' My answer was to march him to the garage and say, 'do we have to keep all these tools? I don't think any man needs 5 complete sets of screw drivers.' — end of discussion — I have all my cookbooks in our two bedroom apartment!

[Sandia Lee (Tressler) Hayes<sup>8</sup>, Mabel (Younkin) Tressler Plume<sup>7</sup>, Jesse James Younkin<sup>6</sup>, William Henry Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>4</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>3</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]

## Family Bible Records

This family Bible records is from Geraldine "Mickey" (Younkin) Martin of Somerset, Pa. The Bible belonged to her father, John William Emery Younkin. It was printed in 1896 by Saalfeld Publishing Company.

[See cover photo of this family]

### Family Record

Husband: John W. Emery Younkin born Sept. 16th 1881

Wife: Mary V. Garlitz born Nov. 21st 1889

married December 21st 1907 at Rockwood, Pa., by Rev. S. M. Cousins, minister of the gospel

Children's names:

Georgia Marie Younkin born Oct. 28, 1908

Gertrude Etta Younkin born Dec. 9, 1910

Geraldine Virginia Younkin born Aug. 8 1917

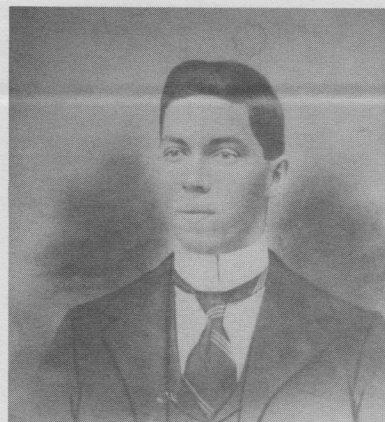
Elsie Elnor Zufall Younkin born Sept. 29, 1879

### Deaths

Mary Virginia Younkin died Jan. 14th 1920

Georgia Marie Younkin died Oct. 2, 1924 age 15 yrs 11 mo. 6 days

[John W. Emery Younkin married 2nd Elsie E. Zufall, their marriage certificate states they were married at the Christian Church Somerset by John C. Crowe, minister, on 16 April 1927. ]



**John William Emery Younkin**

[John William Emery Younkin<sup>6</sup>, Daniel Martin Younkin<sup>5</sup>, John Younkin<sup>4</sup> and wife Laura Miner<sup>d</sup>, Jacob Younkin<sup>3</sup>, John Michael Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup> -- also -- John William Emery Younkin<sup>6</sup>, Daniel Martin Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Laura Miner<sup>d</sup> and husband John Younkin, Catharine (Younkin) Miner<sup>d</sup><sup>3</sup>, John Michael Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]



**1992  
Reunion**

*Gertrude Etta (Younkin) Christner Eckert Donaldson, left, and Geraldine Virginia (Younkin) Newcomer Martin*



## The Soldier Who Had Two Widows

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who was well known as a [prostitute], and that he did not care, as he would not then be detected as the Regt was then under marching orders. The witnesses who testified that he left no child surviving him, could only have known him while in camp at Uniontown....

With all the new facts in hand, the government recognized Widow Mary Jane as the soldier's true wife, and it granted young Harvey Younkin's pension in August 1869, over seven years after his father's death. It is doubtful that Harvey even remembered his father. Under the terms, the payments were retroactive to the date of death, and thus Harvey would have received a lump sum of about \$688 in back payments, a huge amount at the time. He then was to receive monthly payments of \$8 until his 16th birthday, to occur in July 1876. After his mother's death, he "was educated at the Uniontown Soldiers Orphans School at Jumonville being a student there from the time he was eight until 16 years of age," said his obituary. "For several years he was a school teacher at Morgan, Dry Hill and other places near Connellsville. Later he was an organ and piano salesman. On account of advancing age and crippled condition which required him to walk with a crutch and a cane he was unable to work the latter years of his life." He died unmarried at the age of 70 in 1931.

How Widow Sarah reacted, or whether she ever refunded the money erroneously paid to her, remains a mystery.

As for Jacob Younkin, it is not known precisely where he is buried. Soldiers killed at the Battle of Fair Oaks/Seven Pines are interred at the Richmond National Cemetery and the Seven Pines National Cemetery, which contain the graves of approximately 6,950 unidentified soldiers. Most likely he is one of these unknowns.



Jacob M. Younkin was killed in the Civil War at the Battle of Fair Oaks/ Seven Pines in 1862. Shown here, the Union Army buries its dead and burns dead horses after the battle. From *Civil War in Pictures* by Fletcher Pratt.

## Meet Your Cousin...

Max C. Younkin  
of Clovis, California

**AGE:** "57."

**FAMILY:** "We definitely inherited some of the adventurous Junghen family genes. I married my wife, Carolyn from Alexandria, Va., in 1956. In the past 30 years my entire direct family has migrated to California from Iowa. My dad, Clarence (somewhat retired at 86) and mom, Maxine live in San Marcos, my brother Dean and family live in Garden Grove; Dawn, my oldest daughter is deputy probation officer for Sierra County and lives with her family in Downieville; Kelli lives in Clovis with her family and is a preschool director; Barry and family live in Clovis and is a plant biologist for BASF; our youngest daughter, Julie, is a product specialist for Clorox Co. in Oakland."

**WORK/CAREER:** "I am a forester and have worked for the U.S. Forest Service on various national forests throughout California for the past 31 years. I have worked in various natural resource management jobs in a number of interesting places from Happy Camp (Bigfoot country) where my youngest daughter was born in the doctor's office to Los Angeles where I spent considerable time working with the movie industry filming on the Angeles NF."

**HOBBIES:** "Backpacking in the high sierras, crosscountry skiing, tennis, reading the YFNB."

**MUSIC:** "We like all kinds except Hard Rock (sorry Larry) Big Band era is my favorite."

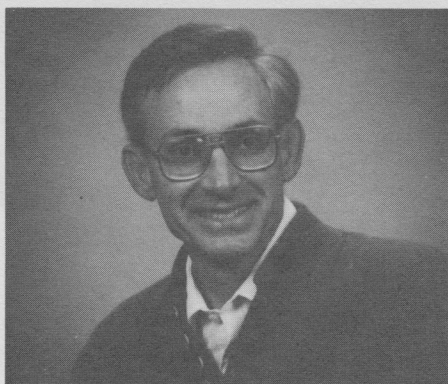
**FOOD:** "Salmon, fresh trout, pizza, lemon pie."

**GOALS:** "Try to get to the Younkin family reunion this year and also to learn something about the Younkens in Green and Fayette Counties in the mid 1800s and their migration in the 1860s & '70s to Illinois and Iowa."

**INTERESTINGLY:** "That an Iowa 'flatlander' would end up a forester."

**FAVORITE ANCESTOR:** "Probably my great grandfather, Jeremiah Younkin and his wife Caroline Vanatta for having the courage to move to the midwest in the early 1860s and take up farming and raising a family in those times."

[Max C. Younkin<sup>7</sup>, Clarence Charles Younkin<sup>6</sup>, Edward Charles Younkin<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah Younkin<sup>4</sup>, George Younkin<sup>3</sup>, John Michael Younkin<sup>2</sup>, Henrich Junghen<sup>1</sup>]



Max C. Younkin

## More of Moses' Civil War letters to his wife Lavilia (Mitchell) Younkin...

(Continued from the last issue)

Dec. 14th 1864

Dear Wife, I again seat my self this Evening to let you know I am well & hoping that these few lines may find you all enjoying the same blessing I have been looking for a letter the 2 last mails but in vain it is I have written 3 to you & yet recieved none I have nothing of mutch importance yet to write The last evening mail says their are 11 Companys of Colorado Cavelry will report here in 3 or 4 days and then we expect orders to march after the Indians It is reported that a large band of them are Encamped about 50 miles \_\_\_\_\_ of this on \_\_\_\_\_ Creek if so we are bound to \_\_\_\_\_ them. No depredations have been commited for 8 or 10 days past. Capt. Booth has got about well again he starts for Lion tomorrow to inspect that Post The Paymaster has not yet maid his appearance here so no more at present but remain yours truly

Moses Younkin to Lavila Younkin

The war news apps still to be favourable in the cause of the union I have nothing of mutch importance to write this time. I will send you a letter from Illinois just recieved

no more at present

but remain yours as ever

Moses Younkin to Lavila Younkin

Ft. Larned Dec. 20th 1864

Dear Wife I again seating myself this Evening to pen you a few lines I am tolerable well to day I have been fflicted with a week Back for a week I think I will be able for duty in a few days There is nothing of mutch importance there was a battle took place near Ft. Lion between the Indians & the Soldiers — Col. Shipington was in command they maid a grand victory they slaughtered 400 as near as could count. Some 40 or 50 maid their escape They \_\_\_\_\_ like Tigers They showed no mercy to either sex young or old The Indians appear now to be emigrating north to the Smoky Hill where it is supposed they will winter wexpect to have abig time with them in the Spring The ballance of our company got here all safe. I have not yet heard from you since I saw you. I think I certainly will get a letter this Eveing I recieved one from Pennsylvania they were all well then there were no news of any note. I have nothing of mutch importance to write you. I will send you a cap pattern witch makes a comfortable thing to ...[balance of this letter is missing].

Correction to last issue's letters— I received a note from Roger Mall, a descendant of Moses and Lavilia. Roger has been investigating the various Forts and areas mentioned in Moses' letters. In the letter dated 22 Oct 1864 it should read "...built an underground house" — and Roger also states that they are going to "Zara" a fort near Salina, Kansas. We will continue this collection of letters in the next issue.